

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a cyclic sequence of frequencies, ~~in which method comprising:~~

selecting a number of frequencies ~~are selected~~ in succession from a list of usable frequencies by means of a sequence of indices indicating respective positions in the list,

deriving said sequence of indices ~~being derived~~ from a kernel, ~~in which~~

controlling a frequency generator arrangement ~~is controlled~~ to repeatedly generate the succession of frequencies so selected, and ~~in which~~

updating the list ~~is updated~~ in respect of the frequencies it contains between successive selections of a frequency therefrom, the detail of each updating being dependent upon the part of the succession of frequencies so far selected.

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2. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each updating is such as to result in a list which contains a respective subset of the frequencies contained in the list from which the first frequency of the succession of frequencies was selected,

wherein each updating is such as to result in a list from which is excluded any frequency which differs from the frequency last selected by less than a predetermined amount, and wherein the updating immediately prior to the selection of the last frequency of the succession is such as to result in a list from which is also excluded any frequency which differs from the frequency first selected by less than said predetermined amount.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein, if L denotes the length of the complete succession of frequencies, l denotes the length of the part of the succession of frequencies so far selected at any given time, and m is a predetermined integer greater than 1 and less than L ,

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each updating which occurs when $l < m$ is such as to result in a list from which is also excluded any frequency which differs from any frequency so far selected by less than said predetermined amount,

each updating which occurs when $m \leq l < L$ is such as to result in a list from which is also excluded any frequency which differs from any of the $(m - 1)$ frequencies most recently selected by less than said predetermined amount, and

each updating which occurs when $(L - m) < l < L$ is such as to result in a list from which is also excluded any frequency which

differs from any of the $m - (L - 1)$ frequencies first selected by less than said predetermined amount.

4. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each updating is such as to result in a list which contains a respective subset of the frequencies contained in the list from which the first frequency of the succession of frequencies was selected, and wherein, if L denotes the length of the complete succession of frequencies, l denotes the length of the part of the succession of L frequencies so far selected at any given time, and m is a predetermined integer greater than 1 and less than L ,

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each updating which occurs when $l < m$ is such as to result in a list from which is excluded all frequencies other than those which differ by less than a predetermined amount from the least number of the frequencies so far selected,

each updating which occurs when $m \leq l \leq (L - m)$ is such as to result in a list from which is excluded all frequencies other than those which differ by less than said predetermined amount from the least number of the $(m - 1)$ frequencies most recently selected, and

each updating which occurs when $(L - m) < l < L$ is such as to result in a list from which is excluded all frequencies other than those which differ by less than said predetermined amount from the

least number of the $(m - 1)$ frequencies most recently selected and the $m - (L - 1)$ frequencies first selected.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the value of each index i of the sequence of indices is given by

$$i = |f(ID)| \text{ modulo } W$$

where ID is the-said kernel and W is the current length of the list.

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6. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the value of each index i of the sequence of indices is a function of the ordinal number, in the succession of frequencies, of the frequency being selected by that index.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the value of each index i is given by

$$i = |M*(ID) + N + 1| \text{ modulo } W$$

where M is the ordinal number, in the succession of frequencies, of the frequency being selected by that index, ID is non-zero, and N is the number of frequencies contained in the list from which the first frequency of the succession of frequencies is selected.

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8. (Original) Apparatus for generating a cyclic sequence of frequencies, comprising a frequency selector for deriving a sequence of indices from a kernel and using these indices to indicate respective positions in a list of usable frequencies to thereby select a succession of frequencies from the list, and a frequency generator arrangement for repeatedly generating the succession of frequencies so selected, wherein the frequency selector includes a list updater for updating the list in respect of the frequencies it contains between successive selections of a frequency therefrom in such manner that the detail of each updating is dependent upon the part of the succession of frequencies so far selected.

9. (Previously Presented) A radio communication system which employs frequency hop sequences generated by a method as claimed in Claim 1.

10. (Original) A radio communication system which includes apparatus as claimed in Claim 8 for generating frequency hop sequences.